

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending. The Examiner indicated that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-18, drawn to a blind trimming apparatus, classified in class 83, subclass 613; and
- II. Claims 19-21, drawn to a method of trimming a blind assembly, classified in class 83, subclass 13.

The Examiner has required Applicant to elect a single invention. By this Response, Applicant respectfully elects, without traverse, invention I relating to Claims 1-18 and cancels Claims 19-21, thereby leaving Claims 1-18.

Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the non-elected invention II and other aspects of the application in one or more divisional patent applications if the restriction requirement is upheld.

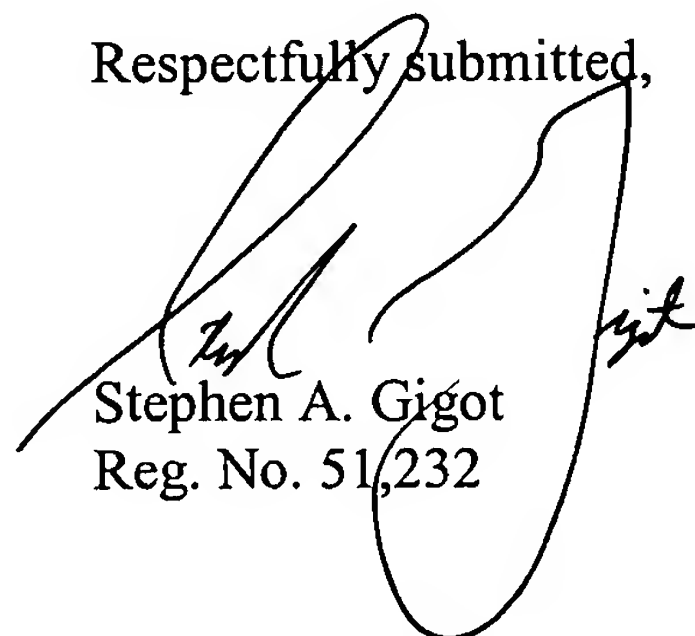
Claim 10 has been amended to remove a minor typographical error.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, examination of the current application on the merits is respectfully requested.

The undersigned is available for telephone consultation during normal business hours.

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